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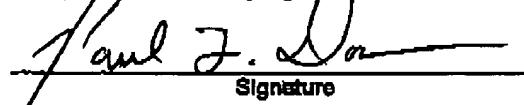
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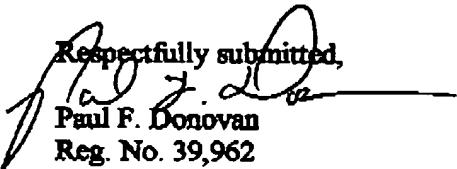
**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006. The Examiner has identified the groups of species set forth below and has required the applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, the groups are: Species A – Figs. 1-2; and Species B – Figs. 3-4. The applicants elect, without traverse, the claims associated with Species A. Currently, claims 1, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21 are considered generic, and claims 2-6, 15 and 18 read specifically on the group associated with Species A.

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